

**House File 267 - Reprinted**

HOUSE FILE 267  
BY COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 8)

(As Amended and Passed by the House April 3, 2019)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to clerks of court, including the number  
2 of counties in which a clerk may serve and residency  
3 requirements.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 602.1215, subsection 1, Code 2019, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 1. Subject to the provisions of section 602.1209,  
4 subsection 3, the district judges of each judicial election  
5 district shall by majority vote appoint persons to serve as  
6 clerks of the district court within the judicial election  
7 district. The district judges of a judicial election district  
8 may appoint a person to serve as clerk of the district court  
9 for more than one ~~but not more than four contiguous counties~~  
10 county in the same judicial district. To facilitate the  
11 delivery of court services in every county, the district judges  
12 of a judicial election district shall appoint a person to serve  
13 as clerk of the district court in every county in the judicial  
14 district, which may be the same person designated as clerk in  
15 one or more other counties. ~~A person does not qualify for~~  
16 ~~appointment to the office of~~ clerk of the district court ~~unless~~  
17 ~~the person is at the time of application a~~ must be a resident  
18 of the state within ninety days of appointment. A clerk of  
19 the district court may be removed from office for cause by the  
20 chief judge of the judicial district, after consultation with  
21 the district judges of the judicial election district. Prior  
22 to removal, the clerk of the district court shall be notified  
23 of the cause for removal.